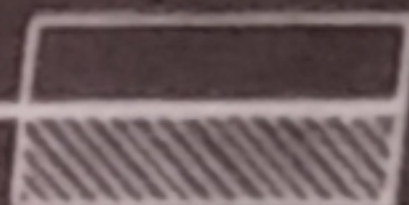


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June 1954

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-1-61

WIBF-FM (Ltr. 7-20-65)

Call letters WIBF

Station location Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY (APL 5-28-69, Eff: 7-1-69)
X WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL-5-26-65; EFF: 6-11-65)

Name of licensee X WILLIAM L. FOX

340 Domino Lane, Phila., Pa. (Lic. 5-7-69 Redescription)
X East Domino Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. (PH-2-17-67)
X 14th Floor Benson-East Apts.,

(BPH 3-9-60)

Transmitter location Township Line Road & York Road, Abington Township, Pennsylvania

(BRCH 10-25-60)

1st Floor, Benson-East, Township Line Rd. & Old York Rd. Jenkintown, Pa.

(BPH 3-9-60)

19046

Main studio location X Township Line Road & York Road, Abington Township, Pennsylvania

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2812 Terr: 280	3-9-60	103.9 mcs Ch. 280	ERP:750w TPO:240w	U	5-9 11-9-60
CP for a new FM broadcast station (Cond'l).					
BMPH-6346 #1	7-19-60	Mod. CP(BPH-2812) to change ant., trans. and make change in antenna system.			
BRCH-293 (2)	10-25-60	Mod. of CP to chg. studio location to First floor Benson-East, Township Line Road & Old York Road, Jenkintown, Penn, and operate trans. by Remote Control from Studio location			
BPH-1699 HAAT:280ft.	2-1-61	103.9mc	750w TPO:1kw	U	IX 2-1-61 8-1-63
Lic. to cover cp (BPH-2812 as mod) for a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BPH-3636	1-26-62	103.9mc CH 280	750w TPO 1kw	Alt. HAAT 280 (RC)	3-26-62 9-26-62
Construction permit to install new trans. (ITA 1000-C) at main trans loca. to be used as an alt. main trans. with remote control operation.					
BPH-3705 HAAT:295'	7-27-62	103.9mcs Ch.280	ERP:630w TPO:1kw	Unl.	9-27 3-27-63
CP to make chgs. in ant. sys.; chg. HAAT & ERP					
BPH-2094 HAAT:280ft.	8-15-62	103.9mcs	750w TPO:1kw	U	8-15 8-1-63
Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3636) which auth. instl. of new trans. as an alt. main trans.					
BMPH-7489 (1) Forfeited. Per Section 1.313 Letter 5-22-63	2-5-63	Mod. of CP(BPH-3705) to chg. type ant. (Jampro JA-2A (vert.) & 2A (hor.); make chgs. in ant. sys.; chg. TPO to 950w; chg. ERP to 630w (hor.) & 630w (vert.); chg. HAAT to 310'			
Ltr. dated 6-10-63 & rec'd 6-12-63 giving notification per Sect. 3.250(a)(5) Rules that a ITA FM-1000C trans. is now installed & in oper. as the Main Trans. (Former Alt.-Main)					
BPH-4054 HAAT:310'	9-5-63	103.9mcs Ch.280	ERP:630w(H & V) TPO:950w Unl.		11-5 5-5-64
CP to make chgs. in ant. sys.; install new ant. (Jampro JA-2A (Vert.); 2A (Hor.); Incr. HAAT & decr. ERP/					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-1-61

Call letters W I B F -FM

Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BRH-1115	3-19-64	103.9	750w	U	3-19 8-1-66
BLH-2513 HAAT:310'	6-30-64	103.9mcs Ch.#280	ERP:630w(H&V) Unl. TPO:950w		6-30-64 8-1-66
		Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4054) which auth. chgs. in ant. sys., HAAT, ERP and install new ant.			
BPH-4683 HAAT:300' (H&V)	12-15-64	103.9mcs Ch.#280	ERP:3kw(H&V) Unl. TPO:3.4kw		2-15-65 8-15-65
		CP to install new trans. (CCA FM-5000D); incr. TPO & ERP, and decr. HAAT.			
BAPLH-60 Eff:	5-26-65 6-11-65	Voluntary assignment of license & CP (BPH-4683) to WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY			
BLH-2899 HAAT:300'	7-30-65 H&V	103.9mc CH.280	ERP:3kw V&H U TPO:3.26kw		7-30 8-1-66
		Lic to cover CP(BPH-4683) which auth in- stall new trans. increase TPO & ERP, & decrease HAAT, and specify trans as (CCA Type FM-3000D).			
BRH-1116	7-29-66	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-69
BPH-5699 HAAT: 1,000' (h&v)	2-17-67	103.9mc. ch# 280	ERP: 180w(h&v) TPO: 310w (RC)	U	4-17-67 10-17-67
		CP to change ant-trans location; install new type trans(ITA-1000B); install new type ant. (RCA-BFC-2, 2 sects); chg. TPO; chg. ERP(h&v); and incr. HAAT; with RC.			
BMPH-9636 (1)	10-13-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699) to chg. type trans (CCA-1000C); chg. type ant(Shively, 1 section); and chg. TPO to 830 watts.			
BMPH-9642 (2)	10-31-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			3-31-68.
BMPH-9904 (3)	3-13-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699 as mod.) for ext. of completion date to			7-31-68.
BMPH-10,148 (4)	7-17-68	MP(BPH-5699 as mod.) ext. time to			8-30-68
BMPH-10,221 (5)	8-30-68	MP(BPH-5699 as mod.) ext. time			12-31-68
BLH-1116(1)	5-7-69	Mod. of Lic. (BPH-5699 as mod.) for chg.			
BLH-1116(2)	5-28-69	Lic. APLH			
BLH-1116(3)	5-22-69	Renewal of License			
EBSA	5-22-72				
					8-1 8-1-72

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FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **WIBF-FM**

Station location **Jenkintown, Penna.**

Name of licensee **See Card #1**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
Ltr. dated BR-1116	6-19-72	Trans. CCA-FM-3000D now installed.			
BLH-5695(L)	4-13-73	Renewal and modification			8-1-75
BLH-6099(L)	4-18-74	Lic. to use former main trans. for aux. purposes only. 103.9mhz., ERP: 180w(H&V) RC			8-1-75
HAAT: 1000' (H&V) (Main & Aux.)					
BPH-8834	3-29-74	103.9mhz. ERP: 180w(H&V) RC U			3-29-75
HAAT: 1000' (H&V)		#280 TPO: 880w	CP to install new antenna		
BLH-6302(L)	8-16-74	Lic. (BPH-8834) - CHGS, Main & Aux.			8-1-75
BRH-1116(L)	9-15-75	Renewal of Lic. (main & Aux)			8-1-78
BPH-10169(L)	9-13-76	103.9MHZ	ERP: 270W {H&V} {RC}		
HAAT: 1000' {H&V}		CP chg TPO, ERP, Trans	9-13-77		
BSCA-1683	3-2-77	SCA on 67 Kiloherztz			
BLH-7242(L)	4-19-77	Lic. (BPH-10,169) for chgs.			8-1-78
MAIN AND Aux. Fac.		AUX. TRANSMITTERS ERP: 180 watts (H&V) TPO: 880w			HAAT: 1000 ft. (H&V)
BRH-1116	7-12-78	REN. OF LIC. (MAIN & AUX.)			
BRSCA-1683	"	REN. OF SCA			8-1-81
BMSCA 790518AJ	9/21/79	MSCA			8/1/81

Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WILLIAM L. FOX,
PO 1401 Juniper Ave., Melrose Park, Penna.

Call
 Letters New W I B F
 LOCATION: JENKINTOWN, PENNA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2812 R. & F.	10-13-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Freq. 103.9 mc CH 280 ERP: .75kw Antenna: RCA BFA-4A 4 Section Trans.: GATES FM-250B Antenna-trans.Location: Township Line Rd & York Rd., Abington Twp. Studio location: Same as trans. HAAT: 282' Atty-Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters Engr.-Paul Godley Company Upper Montclair, NJ	GRANTED	3-9-60
	10-16-59		Cond'l re: subj. to the condition that prog. tests will not be auth. until Station WPRB begins prog. tests on some other frequency and a station Pa. license will not be gr. until WPRB is licensed on other frequency.	

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Call
Letters **WIBF**

Name

WILLIAM L. FOX

Jenkintown, Pa.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-6346 R & F	6-29-60 6-30-60	Modification of C. P. (BPH-2812 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change type transmitter (ITA-1000B) and type antenna (Jampro-JA-1) & make changes in transmission line. Atty's: Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Etc.	GRANTED	7-19-60
BRCH-293 Rec'd Filed	10-18-60 10-20-60 10-20-60	Mod. of CP(BPH-2812) to change studio location from Township Line Road & York Road, Abington Township, Pennsylvania to 1st Floor Benson-East, Township Line Road & Old York Road, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania and operate transmitter by Remote Control from studio location. Percy H. Russell, Atty.	GRANTED	10-25-60
BLH-1699 Rec'd&Filed	10-18-60 10-20-60	Lic.to cover CP(BPH-2812 as mod. for a new FM broadcast station). Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters, Attys.	GRANTED	2-1-61

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Call
Letters W.I.B.F.

Name WILLIAM L. FOX
Jenkintown, Penna.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-3636 R & F	1-16-62 1-24-62	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (ITA 1000 C) at present location of main trans. to be used as an ALTERNATE MAIN transmitter on 103.9mc CH 280, ERP 750 watts, operate by remote control from studio location.	GRANTED	1-26-62
BPH-3705 R & F	2-16-62 3-12-62	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system (incr. hgt.); change HAAT from 280 ft to 297 ft.	GRANTED	7-27-62
AMENDMENT Amended & Filed	4-13-62 4-16-62 6-28-62	AMENDED to delete request for incr. in antenna. Amended to show correct chg. in tower hgt.; and change in ERP to 630w and HAAT to 312'.		
BLN-2094 R & F	3-26-62 3-28-62	Lic to cover C.P. (BPH-3636) which authorized installation of new transmitter as an alt. main transmitter.	GRANTED	8-15-62
WPH-7409 R & F	1-5-63 1-8-63	Mod. of CP (BPH-3705, which auth chgs in HAAT, ERP and ant-sys) to chg type ant (JAMPRO-JA-2A(Vert) 2A(Horiz) and make chgs in ant-sys.	GRANTED FORFEITED	2-5-63 per Sec. 1.313 Letter written 5-22-63

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Call
LettersW.I.B.F.....

WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name **X William L. Fox**

JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1116 R & F	4-30-63 5-3-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-19-64
BPH-4054 R & F	6-10-63 6-21-63	Construction permit to make chgs ant-sys, install new ant (JAMPRO-JA-2A(ver) 2A(horiz) incr HAAT from 280' to 312' and decr ERP from 750w to 630w.	GRANTED	9-5-63
BLH-2513 R & F	1-20-64 1-21-64	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4054) which auth chgs in ant-sys, HAAT and ERP and install new ant.	GRANTED	6-30-64
BPH-4683 R&F	11-14-64 11-20-64	Construction permit to increase ERP to 3kw (vertical & horizontal); decrease HAAT to 300'; install new trans (CCA-FM-5000D); and increase TPO to 3.53kw. Atty: Percy H. Russell	GRANTED	12-15-64
BAPLH-60 R & F	3-31-65 4-8-65	Voluntary assignment of license & CP(BPH-4683) to WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty. - Percy Russell P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED Eff:	5-26-65 6-11-65

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call W I B F-FM
Letters X W I B F

Name **WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY**
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-2899 R&F	5-20-65 5-26-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4683) which authorized install new trans, increase TPO and EHP, and decrease HAAT; and specify trans as (CCA-FM-3000D). Atty: Percy H. Russell	GRANTED	7-30-65
BRH-1116 R & F	4-22-66 5-3-66	Renewal of license Atty. Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters	GRANTED	7-29-66
BPH-5699 R & F	1-27-67 1-30-67	Construction Permit to change ant-trans location to East Domino Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; install new type trans(ITA-1000B); install new type antenna(RCA-BFC-2, 2 sects); make chg. in ant. system(incr. hght); chg. TPO to 0.308kw; incr. ERP to 0.178kw(h) & 0.178kw(v); and incr. HAAT to 1000 ft. Attys-Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters (Erwin G. Krasnow) Engr. David L. Steel, Sr., Washington, D. C. F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	2-17-67

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W I B F-M

Name WIBF BROADCASTING COMPANY
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9636 R & F OCT 10 1967	9-26-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699 which authorized chg. ant-trans location; install new type trans; install new type atn., chg. TPO, ERP(h&v); and chg. HAAT) to chg. type trans(CCA-1000C); chg. type ant(Shively- 1 section) and chg. TPO to 0.900kw; Atty - Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis etc.) Engr: David, Steel,	GRANTED cond' In Accordance with Section 73.250 of the Comm. Rules. re type accept of trans.	10-13-67
	9-27-67			
BMPH-9642 R & F OCT 10 1967	9-26-67	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699) which authorized chg. ant-trans location; install new type trans.; install new type ant., chg. TPO, ERP(H&V); and chg. HAAT) for extension of completion date from 10-17-67 to _____. Attys - Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis, etc.)	GRANTED to	10-31-67 3-31-68
	9-27-67			

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Call
Letters W.I.B.F.-FM.....Name ...W.I.B.F. BROADCASTING COMPANY
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-9904 R & F MAR 1 1968	2-19-68 2-21-68	Mod. of CP(BPH-5699 as mod., which authorized chg. ant-trans loc.; install new type trans; install new ant., chg. TPO, ERP(H&V) & HAAT) for extension of completion date from 3-31-68 to 7-31-68. Atty - Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis etc.)	GRANTED to	3-13-68 7-31-68
BMPH-10,148 R & F #441465 \$30 JUL 12 1968	7-1-68 7-3-68 7-3-68	MP(BPH-5699 as mod.) ext.time to 8-30-68. (for changes) Atty - Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis, etc.)	GRANTED to	7-17-68 8-30-68
BMPH-10,221 R & F #450176 \$30 AUG 23 1968	8-7-68 8-8-68 8-8-68	MP(BPH-5699 as mod.) ext. time to 12-31-68 (FOR CHANGES). Atty - Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis etc.)	GRANTED to	8-30-68 12-31-68
BAPH-102 R & F FEE PD: \$30 (Form 316) NOV 23 1968	11-18-68 11-20-68 #473578	Voluntary assignment of license and CP(BPH-5699, as mod) to FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY Atty - Kirkland, Ellis etc(E.G. Krasnow) F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. certified Articles 12-5-68	GRANTED Eff:	5-28-69 7-1-69

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Letters W I B F-FM

FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY
Name W I B F BROADCASTING COMPANY
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,397 R & F #475765 \$30 DEC 11 1958	11-27-68 12-2-68 12-2-68	MP(BPH-5699 as mod.) ext. time to 4-30-69 (changes) Atty - Erwin G. Krasnow (Kirkland, Ellis, etc.)	DISMISSED Moot. Prot. Test Authorized.	4-21-69
BRH-1116 R & F #507106 \$75. PRESS MAY 1 1968	4-11-69 4-18-69 4-18-69	Renewal of License Atty-Erwin G. Krasnow AMENDED 7-2-69 to change name of applicant to "Fox Broadcasting Company" JUL 14 1968	GRANTED	7-24-69
BLH-4362 Rec'd #501321 \$30 Filed PT MAY 5 1969	3/24/69 3/25/69 3/25/69 4/10/69 4/15/69	License (BPH-5699 as mod.) for changes, specify type trans. ITA-FM-1000C. (OVER for Amendments) Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow	GRANTED	5-7-69

302 - A - 1-24-69 - PTH - 1-31-74

AMENDED: R & F 4/10/69 re type trans.) BLH-4362
AMENDED: R & F 4/17/69 re type trans.)

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters **WIBF-FM**

Name **FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY**
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1116 R & F PN PRESS MAY 10 1972	4-3-72 5-2-72 5-2-72	Renewal of License Atty-Erwin G. Krasnow AMENDED 6-9-72 to show make of trans. as "ITA FM 3000-C"	GRANTED issued with BLH-5695	4-13-73
BLH 5695 Rec'd W 106794-\$50.9-6-72-AC-068 PTA Amended & F PTA Amended PRESS FEB 14 1973	8-31-72 9-6-72 9-6-72 9-13-72 11-21-72 1-17-73 1-23-73	License to use former Main trans.(CCA-FM-3000D) as new Main trans. Ltd to 10-13-72 enrg. data Atty: Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe(E. G. Krasnow) enrg. - proof of perf.	GRANTED issued with renewal	4-13-73
BLH-6099 R & F PTA PRESS FEB 27 1974	1-21-74 1-24-74 1-31-74	Lic. to use former Main trans.(ITA, FM 1000C) for Auxiliary purposes only. ERP:180w Atty: Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe(Erwin G. Krasnow)	GRANTED	4-18-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.9mhz

Call
Letters WJBF-FM

Name Fox Broadcasting Company
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-8834 R & F #279427 \$50 Code 057 Press	1-24-74 2-13-74 2-14-74 MAR 19 1974	CP to install a new antenna (Shively 6810, 1 sect. (H&V). Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	GRANTED	3--29-74
BLH-6302 Rec'd W 304167-\$50. Amended & F PTA PRESS	5-9-74 5-13-74 5-13-74-057 6-21-74 6-25-74 JUL 31 1974	Lic.(BPH-8834)-Changes, Main & Aux. Atty: Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe(E.G.Krasnow) Engr. data	GRANTED	8-16-74
BRH-1116 R & F PN REC'd: PRESS:	3-19-75 3-25-75 3-25-75 4-15-75	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Erwin G. Krasnow(Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	GRANTED	9-15-75

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.9MHz

Call
Letters **WIBF-FM**

Name **Fox Broadcasting Company**
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-10169 R & F 597501#100 CODE 001 PRESS	6-30-76 7-26-76 7-30-76 SEP 2 1976	CP install new Trans {RCA BTF-3E1}; chg TPO; ERP: 0.27kw H&V} 40' 02' 26" - 75' 14' 20" Atty. Erwin G. Krasnow Engr. David L. Steel, Sr.	GRANTED	9-13-76
BLH-7242 R & F #636288\$100 Code 001 PTA PRESS AMENDED	11-11-76 11-15-76 11-16-76 FEB 7 1977	Lic. (BPH-10,169) for changes.	GRANTED	4-19-77
AMENDED	11-24-76 12-6-76	Request Use of Former Main Trans. as Aux., RCA BTF 1-E2 Engr Data		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

103.9MHz

Call
Letters WIBF-FM

Name Fox Broadcasting Company
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-1683 R & F PRESS	1-24-77 2-2-77 FEB 24 1977	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authorization on a subcarrier frequency of 67 kilohertz Atty. James R. Bayes	GRANTED	3-2-77
BRH-1116 BRSCA-1683 R & F PRESS	3-27-78 " 3-31-78 APR 19 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) RENEWAL OF SCA	GRANTED	7-12-78
BMSCA790518AJ PRESS (0)	JUL 2 1979	Modification of Subsidiary Communications Authorization to make changes in Equipment & Programming Retain 67Khz & add on 41 Khz. Atty. Rodney L. Joyce (Kirkland & Ellis)	GRANTED	9/21/79

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WIBF-FM

Name: FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMLH-810225AE PTA PRESS	MAR 12 1981	Modification of License to install new Transmission System. (main) Atty: Rodney L. Joyce	GRANTED 8-14-81
BMLH-810225AH PTA PRESS	MAR 12 1981	Modification of License to install new Transmission System. (AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY) Atty: Rodney L. Joyce	GRANTED 8-14-81
BRH810326UJ BRSCA810326UJ PRESS	MAY 4 1981	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Atty. Rodney L. Joyce	GRANTED 7-7-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

